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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE (TC) DISCUSSION OF
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT FEB 27-28.

1. SUMMARY. TC DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
FOCUSSED ON FIVE PRIORITY ISSUES POSED IN PARA 4A
OF DOCUMENT TC (74) 1. TO LARGE EXTENT, DISCUSSION
AMOUNTED TO REITERATION OF KNOWN GOVERNMENT POSITIONS
BUT MODEST MOVEMENT MADE TOWARD RESOLVING OPPOSING VIEWS.
GROUP AGREED TO US SUGGESTION THAT TCWP BE INSTRUCTED TO
WORK FURTHER ON OTHER ISSUES FOR EARLY REFERRAL TO TC.
ALSO AGREED TO US SUGGESTION FOR ADDITIONAL STATISTICAL
EFFORT. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES,
ALL DELS ADDRESSED FIVE ISSUES BEFORE TC. COMMENTS
USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL REMARKS ON PROPOSED CODE.

3. FOR MOST PART DELS REITERATED KNOWN POSITIONS BUT
SOME TENDENCIES NOTED FOR MOVEMENT FROM EARLIER-STATED
POSITIONS TOWARD COMMON GROUND. VIEWS ON ENTITIES AND
BALANCING OF OBLIGATIONS AND BENEFITS RANGED FROM LOWEST
COMMON DENOMINATOR APPROACH TO INCLUSION OF ALL GOVT-
OWNED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES. EXCEPT FOR SWEDEN, WHICH
STILL TALKS OF A THRESHOLD OF 200,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT,
MOST OTHER DELS TENDED TO ZERO IN ON A THRESHOLD OF
\$100,000. MOST DELS CONTINUED TO OPPOSE EX POSTE PUBLI-
CITY BUT GERMAN DEL, WHICH TRADITIONALLY HAS RESISTED
THIS STRONGLY, WAS LESS NEGATIVE THAN USUAL. GENERAL
TONE OF DISCUSSION WAS ONE OF OPTIMISM FOR EVENTUAL
RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

4. US REP (RENNER) WAS DESIGNEDLY LAST AMONG SPEAKERS,
SO THAT REMARKS WOULD INVOLVE BRIEF RESTATEMENT OF US
VIEWS, WELL KNOWN TO THE TC, AND COMMENTS ON VIEWS OF
OTHERS. POINTS HIGHLIGHTED WERE: (A) US LOOKING TOWARD
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LEGALLY BINDING CODE FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS FOR
APPROVAL OF ENABLING LEGISLATION; (B) EXCEPTIONS SHOULD
BE MORE LIMITED THAN THOSE PERMITTED UNDER GATT ARTICLE
XXI; (C) STRICTLY LIMITED BASES FOR SINGLE TENDERING;
(D) ESSENTIALITY OF NEW DATA EFFORT FOR BETTER DETERMINA-
TION OF PROPER THRESHOLD AS WELL AS FOR PURPOSES OF
GOVERNMENT CALCULATION OF ESSENTIAL BALANCE IN AGREEMENT;
AND (E) MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, HE WARNED GOVERN-

MENTS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT EXPECT US TO GIVE UP OUR BUY NATIONAL PREFERENCES IF THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO ELIMINATE THEIR "CLOSED SYSTEMS" OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES WHICH DENY OPPORTUNITIES TO FOREIGN SUPPLIERS. TO CLEAR UP SWISS DEL'S MISINTERPRETATION OF RENNER'S REMARKS AS INFERRING UNIFORM PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS, RENNER REITERATED SIMILARITY OF SYSTEMS NOT REQUIRED, SIMPLY COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF CODE. A KEY TO ENFORCEABILITY OF CODE WAS EX POSTE PUBLICITY.

5. TC EASILY ASSENTED TO US SUGGESTION FOR NEW DATA-GATHERING EFFORT. TCWP AND SECRETARIAT TO WORK OUT TERMS OF INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE. TC ALSO DIRECTED TCWP TO PREPARE QUESTIONS LISTED PARA 4B, TC (74) 1, AND ANY OTHERS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FURTHER "RIPENING", FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION AND HOPEFULLY RESOLUTION BY TC. BROWN

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